

Responsibility of locating new crossovers on existing facilities

The approval of median crossovers requests for existing highways is the responsibility of the Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch. Any request that may come to Roadway Design or Design Services shall be given to the appropriate Division Engineer. The Division Engineer shall perform a traffic engineering investigation using all of the criteria given in these guidelines. The Division Engineer shall provide a written report with the recommendations which will be forwarded to the Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch for further study. The Traffic Engineering and Safety Systems Branch will conduct necessary investigations, which include discussions with other branches, units, and appropriate local officials if applicable. The State Traffic Engineer is responsible for the final approval or denial of the requests. The State Traffic Engineer will be the only person responsible for granting exceptions to these guidelines on all existing facilities. The Division Engineer will then be notified of the decision reached [1].

Crossovers considered for private developments on existing facilities

A private development will be responsible for the funding and installation of an added median crossover as long as it justifies direct access and the benefits of the median crossover. It is the responsibility of the requesting party to provide justification for new crossovers. If the proper information is not provided, the proposal will not be reviewed. The developer must submit a full set of plans and specify the exact location, design and construction requirements for the proposed median crossover. Only the appropriate crossover that meets the operational and safety requirements of the facility will be considered. Approval of the crossover is subject to a traffic engineering study and approval procedures as outlined in these guidelines [1].

Any drainage structures required for the crossover are the responsibility of the developer and must be funded by either the developer or the applicant at their expense. After the construction is completed in accordance with the Division of Highways requirements and standards, and passes an inspection by the District Engineer, the Division of Highways will assume ownership and maintenance of the crossover [1].

Failure to comply with the location, design, or construction requirements will result in the crossover being barricaded or removed until the problems have been corrected at the expense of the applicant. Once the Division of Highways assumes ownership, the median crossover will then be subject to the regulations under the police power of the State [1].

The department retains the authority to close or modify any crossover that it deems to be operationally unsafe for the traveling public; or causes a delay, congestion or adversely impacts the operation of traffic [1].

Special use crossovers

Median crossovers for special purposes will only be considered after a traffic engineering study. Emergency response plans and the expected level of need, in addition to geometric limitations of the current facility will be used in the consideration for all special